

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed action in York County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

December 10, 2012 to December 24, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application (NAO-00-223) from Plains Marketing, L.P. (Plains) for permits required pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for proposed impacts to jurisdictional Waters of the United States from the construction of the Yorktown crude oil rail unloading system (CORUS) in York County. Plains is in the process of converting the Yorktown Refinery (last operated by Western Refining) to a petroleum marketing terminal. As part of this conversion, Plains intends to install a rail unloading facility and enhance the existing dock loading marine operations. The marine portion of the project will require modifications and additions to the existing infrastructure to support the loading of crude oil into marine vessels. Major components consist of additional breasting, piping repairs/replacements, and an on-shore Marine Vapor Combustion Unit (MVCU). The MVCU will capture and control vapors from crude oil loading activities. The scope of these activities is limited to maintenance and repair of the existing dock. The applicant plans to purchase 4.36 mitigation credits from New Kent Environmental Bank for impacts to 2.44 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, 0.73 acres of palustrine scrub-shrub wetlands, and 0.41 acres of palustrine forested wetlands. Plains has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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